

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 19-26, 34-40, 45-48, 57, 60, 61 and 63 are pending. Claims 6-18, 27-33, 41-44, 49-56, 58, 59, 62 and 64-76, directed to the unelected claims, have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 19, 25, 26, 34, 37, 45, 57, 60, 61, and 63 have been amended. Claims 1, 19, 25, 34, 37, 45, 57, 60, 61, and 63 are independent. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 19-21, 23-25, 34-40, 57 and 60-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0003921 (Laakso). Claims 45-48 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Laakso in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2001/44306 (Shimono et al.). Applicant submits that the amended independent claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 is directed to a radio-resource management method. The method includes a control step of, based on radio-link quality information, including at least a received level of a radio link, to be notified from at least one of a plurality of radio base stations and radio terminals belonging to respective different operators, taking alteration control of a frequency that the radio base station utilizes on the basis of total received levels of other base stations using the same frequency as the radio base station.

Laakso shows a method for controlling traffic load in a telecommunications network. However, Laakso neither teaches nor suggests the feature of amended claim 1 taking alteration control of a frequency that the radio base station utilizes on the basis of total received levels of other base stations using the same frequency as the radio base station. Shimono teaches a mobile communications system, but does not remedy the above-mentioned deficiency of Laakso as a reference against amended independent claim 1.

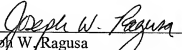
For at least the foregoing reasons, amended independent claim 1 is believed patentable over the cited references. The other independent claims recite, inter alia, a substantially similar feature and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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